



USS ROBERT G BRADLEY (FFG 49)



Command Philosophy

I am ultimately and inescapably responsible for this ship and its crew as the Commanding Officer. I completely embrace this role and consider it an honor and a privilege to command. Accordingly, we will be guided by the following principles:

Mission Readiness - This is why we are here. Everything we do will be geared towards making this ship more combat ready. We must always be ready to execute our mission on time and on target. If ever you find yourself wondering what the mission at hand is, ask your supervisor.

Safety - Operating a warship is inherently dangerous. However, that does not mean that operating a warship need be unsafe. With safety always in mind, we will exercise operational risk management in everything we do to manage risk appropriately and eliminate unnecessary hazards. We will demand verbatim compliance with procedures (Engineering and Combat Systems Operating Sequencing Systems, Planned Maintenance System, standing orders, technical manuals, etc.). Accordingly, I am the only person who can authorize bypassing a safety device or procedure in this ship.

Training - Effective and continual training are key to combat effectiveness. Know your equipment and become an expert in your field. If you are uncertain about your skills or responsibilities, read instruction or technical manuals, and ask your supervisor for guidance. Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS), watch stander training, in-rate training, team training, and personal education all contribute to effective training, in addition to contributing to personal and professional development. Always strive to learn something new.

Teamwork - No one individual is indispensable, and likewise, no one individual can accomplish our mission alone. We are a team and must function as an effective team in everything we do. Exercise common courtesy and treat your shipmates with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, gender, or ethnicity. Our ability to function effectively depends on it. Maintain a positive attitude and be a positive influence on others. Rumor and trash talk have no place on this ship or in our navy. Demonstrate pride in yourself, your shipmates, this ship, and our navy.

Citizenship - Never forget that we are Sailors and citizens 24/7. Our actions, both good and bad, reflect not only on ourselves, but also on our shipmates, this ship, the Navy, and the United States of America. Maintain high standards in all that you do. Be a positive example to others.

Demonstrating honor, courage, and commitment is not a slogan; it is our chosen way of life.


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